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SUBJ: SCHMIDT-BREZHNEV CORRESPONDENCE

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GENEVA FOR USDEL CSCE

1. FRG DEL OFFERED FOLLOWING AMPLIFICATION ON AMB. KRAPF'S JULY 2 PERMREPS' LUNCH REMARKS CONCERNING RECENT EXCHANGE OF LETTERS BETWEEN SCHMIDT AND BREZHNEV. FRG HAD WANTED TO SET RECORD STRAIGHT FOLLOWING PRESS SPECULATION THAT GERMAN AMBASSADOR IN MOSCOW'S JUNE 22 CALL ON BREZHNEV HAD BEEN TO RESPOND TO SOVIET JUNE 12 DEMARCHE ON CSCE.

2. REAL REASON FOR GERMAN AMBASSADOR'S CALL HAD BEEN TO DELIVER A REPLY FROM CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT TO BREZHNEV'S MAY 20 LETTER UPON FORMER'S ASSUMPTION OF OFFICE. BREZHNEV'S LETTER HAD EXPRESSED HOPE THAT GOOD FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE. BREZHNEV LETTER ALSO REPEATED KNOWN SOVIET POSITIONS FAVORING GREATER SOVIET-GERMAN TRADE, COOPERATION IN ENERGY MATTERS AND RESOURCE EXPLOITATION, ACCELERATION OF CSCE AND POSITIVE
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MOVEMENT ON MBFR. BREZHNEV ALSO INVITED SCHMIDT TO VISIT THE SOVIET UNION.

3. IN HIS REPLY (SENT BY BONN TO FRG EMBASSY, MOSCOW, IN EARLY JUNE

BUT DELIVERED ON JUNE 22), SCHMIDT OFFERED TO CONTINUE FRG-SOVIET RELATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF EXISTING AGREEMENTS. SCHMIDT ADDED THAT THE FRG WAS NOT CONSIDERING GRANTING INTEREST SUBSIDIES ON LOANS TO THE USSR, THAT THE FRG WOULD CONTINUE TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO SATISFACTORY CSCE AND MBFR RESULTS, AND THAT BONN'S REPRESENTATION ABROAD OF BERLIN'S INTERESTS WOULD BE WITHIN AGREED LIMITS AND FOR THE BENEFIT OF BERLIN RESIDENTS. SCHMIDT ALSO ACCEPTED BREZHNEV'S INVITATION BUT NO DATE WAS ESTABLISHED FOR HIS VISIT TO THE SOVIET UNION.

4. FRG DELOFF SAID SCHMIDT LETTER TO BREZHNEV HAD NOT INCLUDED ANY MORE THAN ABOVE ON CSCE GIVEN DECISION OF THE EC-9 NOT TO RESPOND TO SOVIETS' JUNE 12 DEMARCHE. RUMSFELD

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